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Kearny Readers Borrowed 177,954 Books From Local Library In 1935

Addition of Books Increases Number of Volumes to 42,060; Librarian Reports to Board of Trustees

Kearny and Arlington residents borrowed a total of 177,954 books during 1935, it was reported today by Miss M. Belle KilGour, municipal librarian, in her annual report to the Library Board of Trustees. The figure includes books borrowed from the main, branch and local school libraries.

Addition of new books last year brought the total number of volumes owned by the library up to 42,060 volumes, Miss KilGour declared. Several hundred books were replaced, repaired and discarded. The main library circulated 122,019 books, the branch loaned 36,014 and school libraries issued pupils 19,921 volumes. Adults borrowed 64 per cent of the books, while children used the other 36 per cent. It represented an average of 4.4 books per capita, in the town, Miss KilGour said.

In commenting upon the library facilities and services, Miss KilGour reported on the following activities:

"It has been our aim to try to help people in their work as well as to provide fiction for their entertainment. While the increase

in the number of books of information circulated has been slow, nevertheless it has been steady. This past year 35.4% of the total number of adult books circulated were non-fiction or books of information. The literature group headed the list as usual in circulation, books on sociology came second, but third place this time was taken by the useful arts group which includes books on engineering, aviation, radio, automobiles, business methods, etc. The ever popular books of travel and biography came next in order. Over 5,000 magazines were lent to borrowers, and 3,565 pictures were circulated from the picture collection.

"The Reference Department reported a total of 33,160 reference questions answered during the year or an average of 3,015 questions for each assistant. Twenty-eight story hours were held at the Main and Branch libraries, with an average attendance of 35. This year the library was exceptionally fortunate in being able to provide two puppet shows, one at the Main library and one

at the Branch; the attendance at these two shows alone was 285. Forty-seven classes, including classes from the high school as well as the seventh and eighth grades visited the library for instruction in the use of the catalog, reference books, etc., this work also coming under the direction of the Juvenile Department.

Forty-four classroom libraries were circulated to the various schools, with a total circulation of 19,921 books. These classroom libraries average 40 books, and many of them are made up on request of the teachers to cover special topics, projects, etc.

"The Mending Department reported a total of 13,367 books repaired during the year. This included sewing and recasing of books as well as all other forms of mending.

"A number of exhibits have been given in both the Main and Branch libraries. Some of these were in connection with special days or events during the year and others were exhibits of class work from the various schools, but those which created the most interest were the "Local Celebrities" exhibits showing the work of many artists, illustrators, authors, musicians, etc., living in Kearny. The Consumer's exhibit shown under the direction of Dr. K. B. Haas, former instructor in the Business Department of the Kearny High School deserves particular mention.

"The library again wishes to

Library Loans

4 Books a Person

Figures Reveal an Increase of More Than
4,000 Volumes for 1936 Over
Preceding Year

An analysis of the twenty-ninth annual statistical report of the Kearny Free Public Library submitted to the Board of Trustees by the librarian, Miss M. B. KilGour, reveals 44,133 books in the library with a total of 182,095 books circulated, during the year 1936; 125,845 at the main library 35,073 at the branch library and 21,177 in the classroom libraries lent to the various schools, or a circulation of 4.47 books per capita.

The library reports an increase of over 4,000 in the total number of books circulated as compared

with 1935. The juvenile department at the main library was chiefly responsible for this increase accounting for 5,801, and the school libraries also reported progress with an increase of 1,256. The adult department at the main library and the branch library reported decreases, but the decreases were not large enough to offset the gain made in the juvenile and school library departments.

On June 1 last, an additional holiday privilege was granted borrowers remaining in town. Four books of fiction were allowed to circulate on each borrower's card for the usual period of two weeks. This ruling proved so popular that after repeated requests on the part of the public it was adopted as a regular ruling after October 1.

Non-Fiction Popular.

It was feared that this ruling might cause a large increase in fiction circulation at the expense of the non-fiction circulation. But the new privilege did not give the results looked for and both the main and branch libraries showed large decreases in the total number of fiction books circulated dur-

ing the year. The main and branch non-fiction circulation showed a general increase in almost all classes of books, the 300's or sociology group leading. The useful arts group or 600's at the main library also showed an increase.

When the High School Library was opened a year ago, there arose the question as to how this would affect the volume of reference work done for the students. Comparing the figures for the two years, it was found that 33,535 reference questions were answered during 1936 and 31,180 for 1935 or a gain of 375 for the year.

Among the exhibits held at the library during the year was the hobby show, under the auspices of the Kearny public schools, the Arlington Women's Club and the West Hudson Kiwanis Club. Girls and boys from ten to twenty years of age were eligible and the show was held from May 10 to 13, inclusive.

Autograph Exhibit.

Another exhibit was a collection of more than fifty autographed letters written by prominent figures in the literary world here and abroad. This collection was lent by Harold S. Latham of 17 Pleasant Place.

Citizens' Book Week was held during June and yielded gifts of 365 books from local citizens. This was a state-wide event and was observed by all communities in New Jersey.

Book Week was observed with a nautical exhibit. The decorations were boats of all kinds, marine posters and other objects of interest. A special feature of this exhibit was a display case devoted to local authors and illustrators.

An item of library news for the year was the renovating of the branch library building and grounds, under a W.P.A. project. The interior of the library building has been entirely redecorated and the grounds also have been improved.

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The Trustees of the Free Public Library,
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Herewith is presented the Twenty-fifth Annual Report:

Book Stock

Number of volumes in library Jan.1,1932	38,972
Number of volumes added and replaced	2,396
Number of volumes withdrawn	1,109
Number of volumes in library Dec.31,1932	40,259
Books per capita	.99
Number of periodicals and newspapers subscribed to:	201

Library open 302 days.

Main library open 66 hours each week for lending and reading

Branch library hours extended January 1. Open every day from 2-9 p.m.
and Monday and Friday 10-12 a.m. Total 46 hours each week.

Book Circulation.

	<u>Main</u>		<u>Branch</u>
Total circulation	154,600		48,986
Increase over last year	3,835		9,334
Adult circulation	101,507		33,771
Increase over last year	14,512		7,601
Juvenile circulation	53,093		15,215
Decrease over last year	10,677	Increase	1,733
Average per day	511 plus		162 plus
Largest daily circulation, Nov.28	975	Nov.28	323
Smallest daily circulation, Jul.16	126	Aug.5	11
Percent of fiction circulated	68%		71%
Circulation per capita	5.4		
Periodicals circulated	4,957		
Pictures circulated	2,610		
Clippings	239		
School library circulation	17,144	(46 class-room libraries in 7 schools)	
Books in foreign languages	German 116		
	French 69		
	Spanish 11		
Grand total	220,730		
Increase over last year	12,932		

Thirty-three classes visited the library, twenty of which received instruction in the use of the Library tools.

Twelve Story hours were conducted in both the Main and Branch Libraries.

Fifty meetings were held in the Auditorium.

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The Trustees of the Free Public Library,
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Herewith is presented the Twenty-sixth Report:

Book Stock

Number of volumes in library January 1, 1933	40,259
Number of volumes added and replaced	2,375
Number of volumes withdrawn	1,151
Reported lost on inventory 1927-1932	398
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1934	41,085
Books per capita	1.
Number of periodicals and newspapers currently received	203

Library open 300 days.

Book Circulation

Main		Branch
Total circulation	145,145	44,053
Decrease over last year	9,454	4,933
Adult circulation	98,663	31,609
Decrease over last year	2,844	2,162
Juvenile circulation	46,286	12,444
Decrease over last year	6,807	2,771
Average per day	483	147
Percent of fiction circulated	.60	.73
Periodicals circulated	4,386	852
Pictures circulated	3,018	30
Clippings circulated	383	
New members	2,118	692
Reference questions answered	19,321	8,540
School library circulation	18,404	
Increase over last year	1,260	
Circulation per capita	5.1	
foreign books circulated		
German	210	
French	114	
Spanish	11	
Grand total		207,603
Decrease		13,127

Sixteen story hours were conducted in both the Main and Branch libraries
Thirty-five classes visited the library.
Sixty-six meetings were held in the auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian.

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The Trustees of the Free Public Library,
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Herewith is presented the Twenty-seventh Report:

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Book Stock

Number of volumes in library January 1, 1934	41,085
Number of volumes added and replaced	2,552
Number of volumes withdrawn	1,229
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1935	42,408
Books per capita	1.
Number of periodicals and newspapers currently received	201

Library open 300 days.

Book Circulation

	Main	Branch
Total circulation	133,489	37,481
Decrease over last year	11,657	6,572
Adult circulation	91,998	27,246
Decrease over last year	6,862	4,363
Juvenile circulation	40,491	10,235
Decrease over last year	5,795	2,209
Average per day	636	299
Percent of fiction circulated	51%	67%
Periodicals circulated	4,352	1,069
Clippings "	596	
Borrowers registered	2,062	491
Reference questions answered	21,019	9,166
School library circulation	20,822	
Increase over last year	2,418	
Circulation per capita	4.6	
Foreign books circulation	German 160 French 63 Spanish 23 Hungarian 13	

Summary: Main, Branch and Schools 190792
Decrease over last year 16811

It is interesting to note that the books on economics increased in circulation about 200, also there were steady increases in books on natural science, useful arts, fine arts, etc., but the decrease in fiction was over 7,000, probably due to the lack of new books.

Fifteen story hours were conducted in both the Main and Branch Libraries with an attendance of 1302 children.

Twenty-two classes visited the library for instruction in its use.
Sixty-nine meetings were held in the auditorium.

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Annual Statistical Report of the Free Public Library, New York, N.Y.

The Trustees of the Free Public Library,
New York, N.Y.

Presented at the Twenty-seventh Report

Book Stock

Number of volumes in library January 1, 1934
Number of volumes added and replaced
Number of volumes withdrawn
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1933
Books per capita
Number of periodicals and newspapers currently received

Library open 300 days.

Book Circulation

Main		French	
Total circulation		Total circulation	
Increase over last year		Increase over last year	
Adult circulation		Adult circulation	
Increase over last year		Increase over last year	
Juvenile circulation		Juvenile circulation	
Increase over last year		Increase over last year	
Average per day		Average per day	
Percent of fiction circulated		Percent of fiction circulated	
Periodicals circulated		Periodicals circulated	
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Borrowers registered		Borrowers registered	
Reference questions answered		Reference questions answered	
School library circulation		School library circulation	
Circulation per capita		Circulation per capita	
Foreign books circulation		Foreign books circulation	
German 180		German 180	
French 68		French 68	
Spanish 23		Spanish 23	
Hungarian 12		Hungarian 12	

Summary: Main, Branch and School
Increase over last year
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It is interesting to note that the books of economics increased in circulation about 200, also there were steady increases in books on natural science, useful arts, fine arts, etc., but the decrease in fiction was over 7,000, probably due to the lack of new books.

Within about four hours were conducted in both the Main and Branch Libraries with an attendance of 1,300 children.
Twenty-five classes visited the library for instruction in its use.
Matinee meetings were held in the auditorium.

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KEARNY, NEW JERSEY

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LIBRARY STATISTICS—1942



BOOK CIRCULATION

- 101,127—Main Library
- 33,103—Branch Library
- 34,410—Schools (this includes Franklin School
An average of 70 classroom libraries
was sent to 12 schools)
- 88—Playgrounds
- 1,257—West Hudson Hospital
- 169,985—Total circulation



REGISTRATION

- 11,415—Total borrowers registered at the Main
Library
- 2,796—Total borrowers registered at the Branch
Library
- 14,211—Total registered borrowers
(Population—1940 census—38,815)
- 1,360—New borrowers registered during 1942



- 53,144—Books in Library December 31, 1942
- 4,158—Magazines lent from Main Library for
home use
- 1,630—Magazines lent from Branch Library
- 184—Magazines and 7 newspapers received
regularly at Main and Branch Libraries
- 1,513—Pictures lent for use in the schools and
at home
- 8,424—Reference questions answered
- 3,277—Telephone inquiries taken care of
- 11,701—Total reference questions answered dur-
ing the year
- 54—Story hours held at both libraries with a
total attendance of 1,849

ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY



Instruction in the use of the Library was given to 42 classes from the various schools.

"Victory Book Club," the summer reading club for boys and girls enrolled 356 members. 72 pins were awarded when 15 or more books had been read and in addition 37 War Stamps when a total of 25 books had been read. Over 3,000 books were read by the members of the club.

The Library was opened for meetings, First Aid classes, etc. The Librarian was in charge of the Victory Book Drive. With the assistance of the schools, women's organizations, the A.W.V.S., Boy Scouts and other organizations 10,816 books were collected and sent to headquarters. Many thousands of magazines were also collected.

Members of the Staff took the course in First Aid and Home Nursing. Some are now acting as Hospital Aids, Air Raid Wardens, etc.

Exhibits appropriate to the seasons and to the various holidays were arranged. Colorful artistic posters were

a feature of these exhibits which included an exhibit of airplane models; a Victory Garden display; Parent Week exhibit; Handicraft exhibit from the Washington and Schuyler School playgrounds; Book Week exhibit and many others.

The Kearny Museum and Historical Association also conducted a number of exhibits during the year. These included a doll exhibit; a display of guns, bayonets and trench knives; exhibit of fossils; the Second Annual Art Exhibit of the Work of Local Artists; and many displays of pictures from the British Office of Information.

299 meetings were held in the auditorium and other meeting rooms with an attendance of over 7,000 persons, by such organizations as Air Raid Wardens; the Red Cross for First Aid and Home Nursing classes; Nutrition classes held by the Consumers' Interest Committee; Priorities class given by Rutgers University; the Kearny and Arlington Garden Club; Museum and Historical Association; the Boy Scouts; the Girl Scouts; Parent-Teacher Associations and many others.

LIBRARY HOURS

Adult Department: Open daily 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays.

Juvenile Department: Open Mondays thru Fridays from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.; Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Branch Library: Open daily from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon; 2:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.



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Main Library - - KEarny 2-0894

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LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library—10-9 daily with the exception of
Sundays and Holidays. Junior department closes
at 8 o'clock; Saturdays 10-1 during July and
August.

Branch Library—Mondays and Fridays, 10-1 2-6;
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 2-6, 7-9;
Wednesdays 2-6. Junior Department closes at 6
o'clock. Saturdays 10-1 during July and August.

SUMMARY

GROWTH.

The year 1927 has been most eventful in that the library has reached the largest circulation in its history and has acquired a new home for the branch which had occupied a room in the Roosevelt School since 1922.

Through the vision and co-operation of the Library Board and the Town Council the property at the corner of Kearny and Stuyvesant avenues was purchased by the town. The interior of the building had to be practically done over and a few changes were made on the exterior, but in record time, due to the vigilance of the President of the Library Board who had the work in charge. The building was ready for inspection on May 14th. Many of the citizens of the town availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting their new Branch and expressed great satisfaction at the transformation that had taken place. The equipment was furnished by the Library Bureau.

The wisdom of the purchase of this property has been demonstrated by the use of the library. The reading rooms have been largely patronized, especially the juvenile department.

The Branch Librarian is Mrs. Mary Foster Freeman who was in charge of the Junior Department at the Main Library in 1923, and later was Librarian of the Hamilton Township Library.

There are fourteen agencies in the town for the distribution of books, namely: Main, Branch, Western Electric Company, and 54 class room libraries in ten schools.

BOOKS

There are now 29,973 volumes in the library; 2,308 were added by purchase, 383 by gift and 198 replaced during the year. The number withdrawn was 1,650. The whole number of volumes added during the year was 2,889.

The expense per volume was 14½ cents. There are 131 magazines and newspapers on file in the Reading Rooms.

The Auditorium was used for story telling and meetings of the Flower Club.

REGISTRATION

The whole number of persons registered to December 31, 1927 was 21,501; 15,749 at the Main and 5,752 at the Branch.

There were 1,198 new members recorded at the Main and 454 at the Branch.

At present the library is passing through the process of re-registration which will hereafter take place every five years.

CIRCULATION

The number of books lent for home use was 122,347 (Main); 35,993 (Branch); 21,328 (Schools) and 1,628 (Western Electric Co.). The grand total for the year 171,298, an increase of 17,487 over last year. An average of 4.6 books per capita of population were borrowed, and each book was turned over 5.7 times. The circulation of the Branch, Schools and Deposits amounted to 29% of the whole. The largest daily circulation at the Main was January 3, 786; at the Branch May 16, 215.

Circulation per assistant was 24,471. The standard set by the American Library Association is 20,000 per assistant.

Total Circulation For the Last Ten Years.

1917		67,676
*1919		61,851
1921		80,692
*1923		101,354
1925		142,088
1927		171,298

Juvenile Reading Room closed from October 11 to November 4, 1918, because of influenza epidemic.

* Library closed two weeks in 1919 for repairs.

* Library closed five weeks in 1923 for repairs.



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BOOK CIRCULATION

- 96,286—Main Library
- 33,770—Branch Library
- 35,546—Schools (this includes Franklin School.
75 classroom libraries were sent to 10
schools
- 205—Playgrounds
- 925—West Hudson Hospital
- 166,732—Total circulation



REGISTRATION

- 7,485—Total borrowers registered at the Main
Library
- 2,616—Borrowers registered at the Branch
Library
- 10,101—Total registered borrowers
- 2,051—New borrowers registered during 1943
(Population—1940 census—38,815)



- 53,329—Books in Library December 31, 1943
- 4,964—Magazines lent for use in schools and
at home
- 693—Pictures circulated
- 10,140—Reference questions answered—including
telephone inquiries
- 49—Story hours held at both libraries with
a total attendance of 2,186

ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY



The Staff Room was turned over to the local chapter of the Red Cross which equipped and fitted it up as a hospital ward of four beds. It has been in continuous use three nights a week for classes in Home Nursing and Nurses Aides.

182 meetings were held in the auditorium and other meeting rooms with an attendance of 3,300 persons, by such organizations as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross First Aid, Nurses Aides and Home Nursing classes, Garden Club, Museum Association and many others.

The second floor auditorium was used by the Garden Club for the Rose Show and for the Victory Show. From October 30-November 6 to celebrate American Art Week, an exhibition of the work of local artists was sponsored by the Museum Association. From December 9th to 11th a Hobby Show was held by the employees of the Pollak Manufacturing Co.

Book Week, November 14th-20th, was most successful. Letters were sent to the principals of each school together with one of the Book Week posters, outlining the activities of the week and inviting the teachers to schedule visits for their classes. In all, 39 classes visited either the Main or Branch Library during the time of the exhibit with a total of 1,098 children.

The summer reading club for boys and girls had 142 active members and 58 pins were awarded to those members who had read 15 or more books. At the weekly meetings of the Club there were book discussions, movies were shown and a puppet play was given by the members of the West Hudson Girl Scout Camp.

4,658 books were collected and sent on to the men in service in addition to several tons of magazines.

Exhibits, appropriate to the seasons and to the various holidays, were arranged throughout the year. Among the important and outstanding ones was a Walt Disney display, books and illustrations, etc.; War Bond posters by the pupils of Lincoln and Washington Schools; large panorama posters by the pupils of Roosevelt School; art work and posters from Emerson and Nathan Hale Schools, and an exhibit of photographs, including views of the Library, by the members of the Tri-County Camera Club; and also many additional displays and exhibits arranged by the Kearny Museum and Historical Association.

The outstanding exhibit of the year was one sponsored by the Museum Association—an airplane motor lent by the Wright Aeronautical Co. of Paterson, N. J. Classes were scheduled from the various schools and talks were given to explain the mechanism and parts of the motor.

LIBRARY HOURS

Adult Department: Open daily 10:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M., except Sundays and holidays.

Juvenile Department: Open Mondays thru Fridays from 2:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.; Saturdays from 10:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.

Branch Library: Open daily from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon; 2:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.



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Free Public Library

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Year ended December 31, 1938

45,459 Books in library December 31, 1938.

180 Magazines received regularly.

122,785 Books circulated from Main Library.

32,655 Books circulated from Branch Library.

23,757 Books circulated from 50 classroom libraries sent to 10 schools.

179,197 Total circulation.

575 Pamphlets lent for home use.

6,283 Magazines lent for home use.

2,427 Pictures lent for home and school use.

26,470 Reference questions answered during the year.

1,346 New borrowers registered during the year.

11,031 Total active borrowers.

35 Story hours were held for the children.

1,567 Total number of children attending Story hours.

20 Classes visited the library for instruction.

Library Hours

Adult Department: Open daily 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except Sundays and holidays.

Juvenile Department: Open Mondays thru Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Branch Library: Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 a. m. to 12 noon; 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesdays and Saturdays 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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LIBRARY STATISTICS - 1940

BOOK CIRCULATION

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116,255—Main Library

37,379—Branch Library

25,331—Schools (An average of 50 classroom libraries were sent to 11 schools)

*77—West Hudson Hospital

*Book service inaugurated in West Hudson Hospital on December 1, 1940 through the co-operation of the Junior Women's Auxiliary.

179,042—Total circulation

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REGISTRATION

1,159—New borrowers registered at Main Library

10,227—Total borrowers registered at Main Library

340—New borrowers registered at Branch Library

2,735—Total borrowers registered at Branch Library

12,962—Total registered borrowers
Population (1940 census) 38,815

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49,392 books in Library December 31, 1940

446 books borrowed on Inter-Library Loan during 1940

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5,008 magazines lent from Main Library for home use.

1,873 magazines lent from Branch Library.

179 magazines and 7 newspapers received regularly at Main and Branch Libraries.

1,718 Pictures lent for use in the schools and at home.

14,307 Reference questions answered during the year.

52 story hours were held for the children at the Main and Branch Libraries, with an average attendance of 40 at each story hour.

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ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

Instruction in the use of the Library was given to the 7th Grade classes from Lincoln and Washington schools.

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The "All America Book Club", the summer reading club for boys and girls enrolled 150 members. 905 books were read by the members of this club.

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EXHIBITS

Attractive displays of books and materials on seasonal topics, such as "Garden Books", "Books for National Defense", "Are you going to College", "Vacation Suggestions", were arranged from time to time.

Exhibits of school work were lent by Emerson and Nathan Hale Schools.

Several exhibits were arranged and displayed by the Kearny Museum and Historical Association, viz: guns, Indian lore, minerals, Pioneer Boys, Girl Scouts, etc.

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AUDITORIUM USE

135 meetings were held by the following organizations who met regularly in the Library: Garden Club, Safety Council, Boy Scouts, Henry George School Extension Class, Civic League, Kearny Museum and Historical Association.

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BOOK WEEK IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM
NOVEMBER, 1946

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LIBRARY STATISTICS — 1946

Book Circulation

- 57,105 Total number of books in Main and Branch Libraries.
- 99,575 Books circulated from the Main Library.
- 26,163 Books circulated from the Branch Library.
- 34,461 Books circulated from the schools.
This includes Franklin School, as well as the 74 libraries
in the public and parochial schools.
- 103 Books circulated at the Summer vacation Bible School.
- 90 Books circulated at the Arlington Woman's Club.
(Library service was started in October, 1946.)
- 160,392 Total book circulation.



- 11,721 Total number of borrowers registered at Main and
Branch Libraries.
Population—39,467 (Industrial Directory of New
Jersey, 1946.)
- 2,381 New borrowers registered during 1946.
- 4,411 Magazines lent for home use.
- 1,077 Pictures lent for home use.
- 10,539 Reference questions answered.
- 120 Meetings held in the auditorium and various meeting
rooms by community organizations. 2,504 total at-
tendance.
- 28 Story hours at the Main and Branch Libraries. Total
attendance 1,099.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

In May and June all of the public and parochial schools were visited by Miss Gillespie, the Children's Librarian. The plans for the Summer Reading Club were discussed, stories told, etc.

"The Bookworms Club", the summer reading club for boys and girls had 60 members enrolled and over 1200 books were read by members of the Club. Weekly meetings were held from July 3rd to August 21st.

"Book Week" was celebrated from November 10th to 23rd with the theme, "Books are Bridges" carried out in the decorations. A poster and an invitation to visit the exhibit were sent to each school and 53 classes with the teachers visited the Main and Branch Libraries during that time.

A series of Hobby and Handicraft was held in the Children's Room. They included stamps, coins, dolls, shell jewelry, bead work, etc.

Outstanding among the exhibits in the Adult Department were: the display of views of Old Kearny, lent by Miss Patricia E. Stewart; Old time Christmas cards; and art work by the pupils of Roosevelt, Lincoln and Washington Schools.

The Kearny and Arlington Garden Club conducted the usual flower shows.

The Kearny Museum and Historical Association arranged a number of exhibits during the year and also conducted the Annual Art Exhibit, held from November 2-12.

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BOOK CIRCULATION

103,233—Main Library

23,340—Branch Library

33,649—Schools (An average of 75 classroom libraries were sent to 10 elementary schools, plus a deposit station at Franklin School)

1,382—Library Service to Shut-Ins. This service was inaugurated March 4, 1948. It is serviced by the Girl Scouts and assisted by the West Hudson Community Chest.

371—Arlington Woman's Club. (9 months' circulation on a collection averaging 20 books)

270—Summer vacation Bible School

162,245—Total circulation

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5,202—Magazines lent for home and school use from the Main and Branch Libraries

10,899—Reference questions answered at the Main and Branch Libraries, including telephone inquiries

1,028—Pictures lent for home and school use

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13,282—Total registered borrowers at the Main and Branch Libraries

58,160—Volumes in the Library as of December 31, 1948

39,467—Population of Kearny (World Almanac 1949)



Adult Circulating Desk



"Book Week" in Children's Room

ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

- 41—Story Hours were held for the children at the Main and Branch Libraries, with a total attendance of 1866
- 66—Classes with their teachers visited the Main and Branch Libraries during the Book Week Exhibit, November 14th through 24th.
- 87—Classroom libraries were circulated in the 10 elementary schools of Kearny. Libraries were sent to the Public and Parochial schools.
- 175—Members were enrolled in the "Pirate Treasure Club," the summer reading club for boys and girls. Members of the club were twice on the radio over Station WNJR, on July 12th and again on September 1st.

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Library service to Shut-Ins was inaugurated at a tea on March 4th, 1948. Representatives from the Welfare Council of Newark, the Girl Scouts, the Staff of the Newark Library, and members of other civic organizations were present.

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- 139—Meetings were held in the auditorium and other meeting rooms during the year by such organizations as the Garden Club, Boy Scouts, Tri-County Camera Club, Y.M.C.A., Red Cross, Art Class, Finance Committee of the Newark Welfare Council, Henry George School of Social Science, and others.

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Registration for the draft was held for three weeks from August 30th to September 18th.

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The Red Cross held two Blood Banks, one in April and the second in October.

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* Resigned Sept. 1, 1948

